## State of Michigan State Board of Education

## RESOLUTION

## NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK OCTOBER 11-15, 2004

WHEREAS, school districts around the nation will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 11-15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National School Lunch Week, entitled *Reach Your Peak with School Lunch*, presents an excellent opportunity to promote school lunch programs statewide and to emphasize the importance of child nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for 58 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children, and

WHEREAS, each day, more than 203,000 school breakfasts and more than 792,000 school lunches are served daily to students, at more than 4,000 sites in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes that children who are provided breakfast and lunch daily are better prepared for the classroom environment, being able to focus solely on their learning, rather than a basic biological need; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Michigan communities to understand that education and proper child nutrition go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education continues to recognize and takes great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the daily challenge of providing school lunches to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the week of October 11-15, 2004, be recognized as National School Lunch Week in Michigan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's breakfast and lunch food service programs, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan citizens to become more aware of the importance of school food service programs and their role in the educational environment.

Kathleen N. Straus, President



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Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman and Superintendent of Public Instruction